SUBJECT No. 51.

Legislation prohibiting the levy of 'Tera' or bride price.

Messrs. B. Shivaji Wadiyar, Sorab Taluk and K. Channabasappa gowda, Shikarpur taluk

Summary of Discussion.—In Shimoga District and the Malnads, the system of the levy of "Tera" or bride price is prevalent and may be put a stop to by legislation.

Most of the members complained of dowry but said it was a social matter.

Reply of Government.—This is a social matter. Government cannot interfere.

SUBJECT No. 52.

Legislation for checking the increase of beggars.

Mr. S. Venkatasami Gowda, Malur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Each beggar goes round a number of houses. He gets enough to eat, and the rest is sold and spent on liquors and intoxicants. People cannot help paying because of beggars' persistence. They want to get rid of them. The beggars are contributing to the increase in thefts. They act as spies and informants for dacoits and other gangs. Able bodied persons who are found begging should therefore be prosecuted and sent to jail.

Per centra. it was urged that this would not prevent begging and that there should be poor houses. There were people who pretended to be disabled. Nothing had been done to punish them. Eighty-eight out of 10,000 were beggars according to census figures. They were likely to increase. Sadhus were the worst; they were criminals.

Reply of Government.—Till institutions on the lines of poor houses, etc., are established, no legislation will be justifiable. This is a matter for the people, who should stop indiscriminate charity.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Amendment of Section 19 of the Village Courts Regulation.

Mr. Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Village Courts Regulation may be amended so that suits may be entertained by the Village Munsiffs not before the lapse of three years from the date of cause of action, but three years from the date on which interest was last paid.

Reply of Government.—There are very intricate questions of limitation involved. This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Amendment of the Land Acquisition Regulation.

Messrs. E. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai, P. S. Ananta Rao, Mohamad Sait, and Y. Virupakshaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—In Land Acquisition cases, objections are not recorded. The Bill of July 1923 in the Legislative Assembly of British India gives certain facilities which may be adopted here.

Reply of Government.—If the Bill is passed into law there, the necessary amendment will be taken up here.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Amendment of Rule XX (ii) of the Civil Procedure Code so as to permit the award of instalment decrees in the case of loans where immovable properties are mortgaged.

Messrs. B. Venkatagiriappa and Anche Thimmappa, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Instalments are permitted in money decrees. Many times the principal amount will often have been paid as interest. The concession granted in money decrees may be extended to mortgage decrees. There are a number of mortgage decrees in the State.

Per contra, it was urged that usually a debtor gets more than a year or two in such cases. If instalments are given, it becomes practically a money decree and property cannot be brought to sale. There is no use of having any security in that case. Very often property itself will be deliberately damaged or destroyed. Debtors will not get credit, if the proposed amendment is made.

Reply of Government.—The change cannot be effected.